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Title: Method and System of Region-Based Image Coding with Dynamic Streaming of Code Blocks	

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend this application as follows:

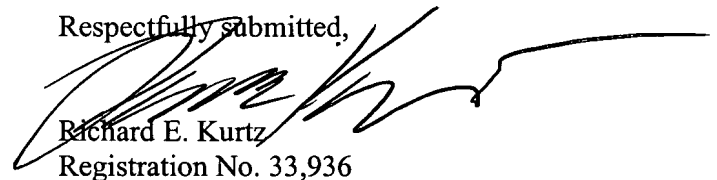
Page 1, Line 3, please insert before the heading "Field of the Invention" the following new paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of International Application PCT/CA00/00134 filed February 15, 2000 and Canadian application number 2,261,833 filed February 15, 1999, the entire disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Page 73, Line 15, please insert the following new paragraph:

From the foregoing description, one skilled in the art can easily ascertain the essential characteristics of this invention and, without departing from the spirit and scope thereof, can make various changes and modifications of the invention to adapt it to various usages and conditions.

Respectfully submitted,



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